



# Home School Bulletin

## Summer 2010

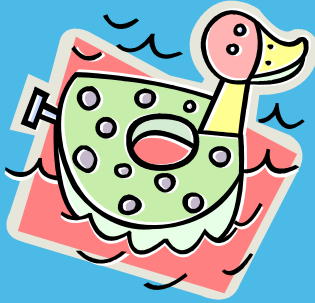


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Hours of Operation:  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Holidays:

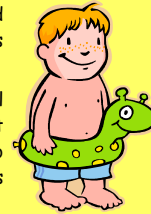
May 9th - Mother's Day  
May 13th - Memorial Day  
(MCSOS Closed)  
June 14th - Flag Day  
June 20th - Father's Day  
June 21st - First Day of Summer  
July 4th - Independence Day  
(MCSOS Closed July 5th)



## Summer...Summer...Summer Time!

The First Day of Summer is June 21st, which means with warmer temperatures comes pool time! If your method of keeping cool is either hanging out by the pool, going to a water park or even just taking a cool bath, please remember to watch your children around water! Statistics show that 65% of drowning incidents were supervised by a mother, father or both parents. My Arizona Desert Living suggested tips to help prevent drowning:

- Never leave a child alone near water for even just a second. This includes the bath tub. If you need to step away, have another adult watch your child or take the child with you.
- Water Safety always includes a life jacket. Always wear an approved personal flotation life jacket. The U.S. Coast Guard estimates that in nearly 90% of all drownings, the individuals were not wearing a life jacket.
- If you own a pool, be a responsible pool owner by installing a pool fence and making sure you keep it locked so that children cannot walk onto your property and get into your pool. Also make sure to remove any toys in your pool when the pool is not in use, as toys will always attract children.
- Sign your child up for swimming lessons to help reduce the chances of your child drowning. Just Remember to do your part by watching them at all times, regardless of their swimming skill level.
- Get trained in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) by contacting the National Safety Council's First Aid Institute for first aid and CPR training by calling 1.800.621.6244.



Please, watch your kids, watch your friends, watch EVERYONE around water. Accidental drowning are completely preventable.

**Moved? Changed Addresses?**  
Let us know of your changes by either completing our online Address Change, filling out our Withdrawal form, or by calling.

## New to home schooling?

Welcome to home schooling in Maricopa County! We are pleased to have you among the 10,280 home schooled students already registered here. If you are new to home schooling, be sure to register with the affidavit and your student's original birth certificate. Also, be sure to check out all the great resources we have available on our website.

## Home School Summer Tip #1:

Have a healthy respect for the sun. Arizona sunburns can be extremely dangerous, but they can be avoided by applying sun screen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Apply 30 minutes prior to sun exposure to allow absorption to reduce the risk of developing skin cancer.



## Mother's & Father's Day!

Established on May 9, 1914, Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday in May and is a celebration of Motherhood. It is a day set aside to express love, respect and thanks to Mothers. Complimenting Mother's Day, established in 1972, Father's Day falls on the third Sunday in June and honors Fatherhood. It is also celebrated to honor and commemorate our fathers and forefathers. Show all your love and appreciation this Mother's & Father's Day!



## Are you ready for next year?

Summer is not just a time for relaxation, but a time to start preparing for the next school year.

Are you putting your students back into the public school system? You need to make sure to withdraw from home schooling and to have the public school administer a grade placement test for your student.

Are you thinking of home schooling next year, but have never tried it before? You need to register with our office for home schooling so that your student is on file and you are in compliance with Arizona's laws for home school families. Check out our resources for helpful information.

## Home School Factoid:

There are about 2 million home school students in the United States. There were an estimated 1.9 to 2.4 million children (in grades K to 12) home educated during 2005-2006 in the United States.



## Home School Summer Tip #2:

Never leave children, pets or anything else that is heat sensitive in your car. Consider covers for your dash, steering wheel, and car seats. It can quickly reach 160 degrees and hotter inside your vehicle when it is parked in the sun.



## Discount City

### Harkins Summer Movie Fun -

Kids can enjoy a movie a week for 10 weeks, for less than \$1 per film. Check it out on their website: [www.harkinstheatres.com!](http://www.harkinstheatres.com!)



### Covenant Home School Resource Center -

Each month the CHSRC has a sale on curriculum and materials for home school families. Check out their information in our Resource Directory!



### AFHE Curriculum Fair July 23 & 24-

Come out for AFHE's Curriculum Fair to get some great deals. See our Upcoming Events sheet for information.

### Registration Reminders...

Registration of home school records is only required once, unless you have previously informed us that your student was withdrawing from home schooling.

When registering we need to see your student's original birth certificate. This means that if you mail it in we will mail it back to you. If you bring it in, you'll be able to leave with it the same day.



Where can I find the most updated home school forms and information?

At our website!  
[www.maricopa.gov/schools](http://www.maricopa.gov/schools)

E-mail us!  
[homeschool@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:homeschool@mail.maricopa.gov)

Call us!  
602-506-3144

### Upcoming Events Information

The Home School Division has added a new Upcoming Events section on the website. This will tell you about all the cool events, contests, conventions, and activities that we hear about.

The new events section will be updated on a quarterly basis like this newsletter. The updates will be seasonal.

If you hear of anything that you would like to add to our Upcoming Events section please call the Home School Liaison at 602-506-3144 or email us at [homeschool@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:homeschool@mail.maricopa.gov). We appreciate all the feedback from you, the Home School family.

### Home School Question Corner

**Q:** How can my child receive an accredited high school diploma?

**A:** There are accredited correspondence schools in which students can enroll. In these cases, teacher from the schools make the assignments and grade the work. Once the graduation standards have been met, a high school diploma will be issued to the student. If you want verification of accreditation for K-12 programs and post-secondary schools contact NCA Commission on Accreditation at 1.800.525.9517 or check out their website: <http://www.ncacasi.org>.



Have a question for our  
Home School Liaison?  
E-mail your inquiry to:  
[homeschool@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:homeschool@mail.maricopa.gov)

### Home School Summer Tip #3:

To avoid dehydration or heat stroke, drink plenty of fluids, such as water and juice. A gallon a day is a good start, much more if you are active and out in the heat.



## Special Services Needed?

If your student has special needs and requires special services, this is a reminder that by law, the school district that you live in has an obligation to provide those services for your student; it does not matter if your student is a home schooler.

Contact the school district that you live in to get assessments done and services set up for your student. Just remember that the schools/districts are closed for the summer, so if you need assessments or services this needs to be done by the end of the year or first thing next school year.



## Home School Summer Tip #4:

Show that you are proud to be an American this summer by Celebrating Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day. America will celebrate Memorial Day on May 31st, it is a celebration and remembrance of the brave service of men and women who gave their lives for our country.

The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the President will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week.



In the United States, Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States.



*Home/Private School Services*

## Home School Factoid:

Home schooled students in Arizona are not required to take standardized tests...not even AIMS!

## Kids' Corner

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